# Meeting Agenda for the Watersheds Committee of the Rockville Environment Commission

# Special Meeting: Wednesday April 21, 2010 at Croydon Creek Nature Center

## **Rain Barrel Training Session**

#### **Rain Barrel Training**

Learn why rain barrels are a tool to protect City watersheds. Participants will receive information on how to buy, install and maintain rain barrels. The trainings are open on a first-come, first-served basis and registration is required. To register, call the RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 or e-mail <a href="mainscapes@rockvillemd.gov">rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov</a>.

### **RainScapes Program**

The City of Rockville's RainScapes Rewards Program is designed to help residential owners improve stormwater runoff conditions on their property by utilizing approved stormwater management techniques. Projects are designed to slow rainwater runoff and reduce the amount of stormwater entering local streams, increase groundwater supply, and reduce chemical and nutrient pollutants entering local streams. The program currently offers rebates for rain barrel installations and the replacement of turf grass with conservation landscaping techniques utilizing native plants.

#### RainScapes Rain Barrel Rebate Program

Rainwater harvesting equipment captures rainwater runoff and reduces the amount of stormwater entering local streams, which leads to reduced chemical and nutrient pollutants entering waterways. Another environmental benefit of this equipment is water use for irrigation during droughts. At this time, financial rewards will be granted to residential properties for the installation of <u>rain barrels</u>. Residential properties are offered a financial rebate of \$50 per rain barrel for up to four (4) rain barrels.

More info available: http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rainscapes.html

The Next Scheduled Meeting of the Watersheds Committee is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

The public is invited to attend.

For past and upcoming meeting agendas, meeting minutes, or additional information, see the Watershed Committee website at: http://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/ec/wc/index.html

ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WOULD REQUIRE ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, OR WHO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY MAY CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT 240-314-8100 OR TDD 240-314-8137

